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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in rural Pennsylvania. I only have access to cable modem, which is slowly creeping up in price per month over the last few years. Yes, it is broadband, yes it has been reliable, however, if I ever grow dissatisfied with the service, I'm stuck. DSL is sub 1 meg "DSL lite" is the only other option. We have a compounding problem with local state laws that prevent competition and local franchising that prevents competition as well.

Meanwhile, I see other areas, that have FIBER TO THE HOME with speeds around 1 Gbps for lower prices than what I'm paying for now. Why is it? They're in areas that have competition. I'll pick on Sonic.com as one of this outstanding ISPs.

Please keep rural America in mind, and make sure your rules allow competition in the Internet Service Providers, please. This "dream" that 5G will serve all with high-speed connectivity is a lie. We have spotty and horribly unreliable cellular service today with LTE, I don't see how the two largest carriers will install enough 5G mini sites to be able to cover all of rural America. Meanwhile, Fiber to the house that allows competitions will actually be able to deliver on the promise of a connected America, reliably and consumer friendly.

Thank You.

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